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HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Homeowners' Property Tax Exemption?

The Homeowners' Exemption is a reduction of \$7,000 from the assessed value of your residence. This results in an annual savings of approximately \$70 on your property tax bill.

How do I qualify for this exemption?

To be eligible for the Homeowners' Exemption, property owners must occupy their home as their principal place of residence by January 1st of each year.

What is the filing period for the Homeowners' Exemption?

The deadline to file for the full exemption is February 15th or within 30 days from the notification of supplemental assessment. A partial exemption is available if filed between February 16th and December 10th, or the delinquency date of the supplemental bill.

Do I need to file each year for this exemption?

No. Once you have filed for a Homeowners' Exemption and you continue to own and occupy the same residence, you will automatically receive the exemption.

How can I verify that I am receiving the Homeowners' Exemption?

To verify that you are receiving your exemption, please review your annual property tax bill. The exemption will be shown in the red-shaded area in the lower left-hand corner of your tax bill.

If I move and rent out my present home, am I still eligible for the exemption?

No. If you do not own and occupy your home as your principal place of residence, you must cancel your Homeowners' Exemption. This can be done by writing to the above address. Please include the date you moved and your new mailing address.

Can my spouse and I both receive a Homeowners' Exemption if we are living in separate residences?

No. Under State law, married couples are normally limited to only one exemption. If you are divorced or legally separated, however, you may qualify for separate Homeowners' Exemptions. For further information, please call the Assessor's Office at (619) 531-5772.

Why do I need to supply social security numbers?

The social security numbers are used by the Assessor to verify the eligibility of persons claiming the exemption, by the State to prevent multiple claims in different counties, and to verify the eligibility of persons claiming income tax renter's credits. **The claim form and the social security numbers are kept strictly confidential.**

If you have any further questions, please contact this office at one of the following numbers:

San Diego/South Bay (619) 531-5772

North County (760) 631-7916 or 538-9384

East County (619) 441-1427